

CALFRESH (CF) PROGRAM REQUEST FOR POLICY/REGULATION INTERPRETATION

INSTRUCTIONS: Complete items 1 - 10 on the form. Use a separate form for each policy interpretation request. If additional space is needed, please use the second page. Be sure to identify the additional discussion with the appropriate number and heading. Retain a copy of the CF 24 for your records.

- Questions from counties, including county Quality Control, must be submitted by the county CalFresh Coordinator and may be submitted directly to the CalFresh Policy analyst assigned responsibility for the county, with a copy directed to the appropriate CalFresh Policy unit manager.
- Questions from Administrative Law Judges may be submitted directly to the CalFresh Policy analyst assigned responsibility to the county where the hearing took place, with a copy of the form directed to the appropriate CalFresh Bureau unit manager.

1. RESPONSE NEEDED DUE TO: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Policy/Regulation Interpretation <input type="checkbox"/> QC <input type="checkbox"/> Fair Hearing <input type="checkbox"/> Other:	5. DATE OF REQUEST: 10-13-15	NEED RESPONSE BY: 10-20-15
2. REQUESTOR NAME:	6. COUNTY/ORGANIZATION: Santa Barbara County	
3. PHONE NO.:	7. SUBJECT: Student Status	
4. REGULATION CITE(S): MS 63-406.22	8. REFERENCES: (Include ACL/ACIN, court cases, etc. in references) NOTE: All requests must have a regulation cite(s) and/or a reference(s).	

9. QUESTION: (INCLUDE SCENARIO IF NEEDED FOR CLARITY):

Scenario: A student applies for CalFresh benefits during the summer months (July 2nd). The student is not attending college for their first year but is a continuing student and is in their 3rd year of college and will be returning in the fall. At the intake interview the student stated they are approved financial aid but the first day of class has yet to start. The student does not meet the student eligibility requirements.

Questions: Does student status continue during the school year or for the duration of their academic career? Is there a difference between new students and continuing students?

10. REQUESTOR'S PROPOSED ANSWER:

Per 63-406.22 The enrollment status of a student shall begin on the first day of the school term of the institution of higher education. Once a student enrolls in an institution of higher education, such enrollment shall be deemed to continue through normal periods of class attendance, vacation and recess unless the student graduates, is suspended or expelled or drops out.

Unless student graduates, is suspended or expelled or drops out, enrollment should be deemed through the students academic career.

See CF 24 from Santa Barbara County dated 8/13/15 which explains that because the school term has not started, the student would be eligible to CF.

11. STATE POLICY RESPONSE (CFPB USE ONLY):

State concurs with the proposed response. However, since the client has stated he is enrolled to start college in the fall, it should be noted in the case file and verified during the college session. Since the client's college status isn't official and/or verifiable at the time of intake due to college not being in session during the summer months when he applied, CWD should follow-up with a Request for Information (RFI) in fall to verify and confirm the client has indeed registered and is attending classes as anticipated, at which then he would be terminated provided he still does not meet any student eligibility requirements. Per Section MPP 63-300.5 (a)(2)(A) The CWD must issue a Request for Information (RFI) which advises the household of the verification it must provide or actions it must take to clarify the household's circumstances. Additionally, there is no difference if its a new student or continuing student.

FOR CDSS USE

DATE RECEIVED:

DATE RESPONDED TO COUNTY/ALJ:

JR 10.19.15